

**State Partnership Program
Title 10 - Active Duty for Operational Support
89 day tour with option to extend**

**Massachusetts National Guard
50 Maple Street
Milford, MA 01757**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NUMBER: SPP-T10-01

EXPIRES: 1 June 2009

DATE: 27 February 2009

1. **ELIGIBILITY:** Applications are currently being accepted for the following position. **This job is open to all OFFICERS in the Massachusetts Army National Guard.**

Position: Traditional Commanders Activity (TCA) Coordinator	Location: US Embassy, Asuncion, Paraguay, South America
Min Grade: 1LT/O-2 Max Grade: CPT/O-3	MOS: NO - MOS Specific
MANG JFHQ POC: CPT Isaias Liriano	Unit POC: Office of Defense Cooperation, LTC Elliot E. Harris 301-985-9395
Salary: Full-time Military Pay & Allowances	This is an unaccompanied tour to Paraguay.
Start Date: Between 15 to 31 October 2009	

2. **BACKGROUND:** The Massachusetts National Guard (MANG) is partnered with the Republic of Paraguay through the State Partnership Program (SPP). The objective of the SPP is to establish broad reaching friendly ties between partner states and countries utilizing the National Guard as the catalyzing force. The SPP is one of many tools used by the US Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) Commander to execute is Theater Security Cooperation plan. The MANG mission is to work with the US Embassy's Office of Defense Cooperation (USODC) to develop capabilities within Paraguay that will create conditions to advance democracy, regional security, hemispheric cooperation, and foster economic opportunities. All activities are coordinated with the USODC. The Traditional Commanders Activity (TCA) Coordinator assigned at the USODC is the critical link between the MANG and the USODC to coordinate and execute engagements.

3. **POSITION:** TCA is one of the pillars of the Foreign Military Interaction initiatives. TCA employs U.S. Reserve and National Guard Component personnel to execute TCA funded concept papers. TCA uses a Concept Paper as the primary source document to plan and execute various events such as Conferences, Seminars, Symposia, Military Liaison and Traveling contact teams. As well as executing Visits, Orientations, Assessments and Subject Matter Expert Exchanges. The Chief of the USODC in the country is responsible for direct oversight and execution of these Concept Papers within the established policy and legal guidelines.

4. **RESPONSIBILITIES:** Primary responsibility of the TCA Coordinator is to work with the officers of the USODC and the State Partnership Program Director to develop concepts papers for Military to Military engagements. These concept papers are written to support and develop specific capabilities in the USODC Country Security Cooperation Plan.

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a. The TCA Coordinator is the key element in the coordination's between the Paraguayans and U.S. Agencies to execute concept papers in Paraguay, in the United States and in other South American Countries. The TCA Coordinator will conduct planning meetings to develop agenda, exchange biographies, coordinate document translation and verbal translators, coordinate hotel, transportation, communications, security support, confirm arrival and departure information, request funding, reconcile expenditures and return unused funds.

b. The TCA Coordinator will also participate on certain engagement as an Escort Officer / Paying Agent traveling to the US or other countries. As an Escort Officer the one act's as the liaison to ensure the objectives, activities and schedule are being met. As the Paying Agent you'll be responsible for the expenses of the PRY participants and reconcile them upon the conclusion of the engagement.

5. **QUALIFICATIONS:** All branches of service and personnel in the grades of O2 and O3. The TCA Coordinator will represent the standards by which partnering nations will view SOUTHCOM and the U.S. military.

6. **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:** Working to support the goals of the US Embassy in a foreign country.

- a. Take leave in neighboring countries i.e. Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Chile.
- b. Gain experience as an International Liaison Officer.
- c. Improve your Spanish speaking and writing abilities.
- d. Option to bring family to Paraguay at service member's own cost.
- e. Continue work as an International Affairs Specialist at JFHQ

7. APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

(1) **Pass the Language Requirement:** Complete the computer base Defense Language Proficiency Test for Spanish with a minimal score of Two (2) in Reading and a Two (2) in Listening.

(a) Tests completed at: Devens RFTA, 99th Regional Reserve Command East, Education Office, Building 693, POC: Mrs. Mary Hale at 978-796-2969. Call for an appointment.

(b) The DA Form 4187 – PERSONNEL ACTION, should be completed by your unit requesting the language test and hand carried to the testing site.

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(2) **Submit:**

- (a) Copy of this announcement.
- (b) Submit Defense Language Institute Spanish Language results.
- (c) Last Three Evaluations.
- (d) Letter of Recommendation from unit Commander.
- (e) Resume.

8. Soldier will then forward the completed packet to

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9. Allow yourself ample time to complete all of the above actions.